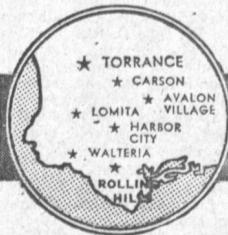


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# Torrance Man, Two Harbor Area Women Killed In NY Plane Crash



**CITY'S SHOWPLACE**—Toucan St., a small residential avenue near Hawthorne and Del Amo Blvd., is rapidly gaining the reputation of being the showplace of the city. Each Christmas residents of the street decorate their homes and sidewalks in celebration of the Yule season. Decorations are so beautiful that they have attracted visitors from all parts of the county and have received notice in the press and magazines. Here Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Abbott and children, Sharon and Donald, put the finishing touches to the display in front of their home.

**Education Board Meeting Monday**  
Torrance Board of Education will hold their second December meeting Tuesday evening in the school administration building, 2335 Plaza del Amo.



MARY F. MAHONEY  
... Stewardess



R. E. PREWITT  
... Flight Engineer

## All Members of Doomed DC-8's 7-Man Crew

A Torrance man and two Manhattan Beach stewardesses died Friday morning in the flaming air crash over New York City.

R. E. Prewitt, 256 W. 226th Place, was flight engineer on the United Airlines DC-8 that crashed into a crowded area of Brooklyn killing the 76 passengers and crew of seven.

Also killed were stewardesses Mary F. Mahoney, 509 Ocean Drive, and Augustine Louise Ferrar, 415 Manhattan Ave., both of Manhattan Beach.

### ROUTINE FLIGHT

Plane, which was on a routine flight from Chicago to International Airport in New York City, collided with a TWA Convair transport over the city and plunged into the heart of the borough of Brooklyn.

Other aircraft, also loaded with passengers, apparently was gliding to safety on Staten Island when it too exploded, killing all aboard.

A total of 136 dead were confirmed in Saturday reports on the crash. Seven persons were taken alive from the ruins of the Brooklyn crash. Six of the rescued died on the way to the hospital. The one survivor, an eleven-year-old boy, died Saturday morning.

The tragedy marks the greatest number of dead in any plane crash in the history of aviation, almost twice the number of fatalities as were found in the tragic collision over the Grand Canyon six years ago.

Unconfirmed reports indicated that a U.S. Navy jet might have been involved in the New York crash.

## Monday Deadline For Entries In Home Decor Fete

Tomorrow evening will be the final deadline for the annual Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce Home Decoration Contest, it was reported yesterday by Dick Hatch, chairman of the event.

More than 100 entries in the competition have been received to date, Hatch said.

Entries will close tomorrow night and residents of the city of Torrance wishing to have their displays judged are advised to call the Chamber of Commerce office at Fairfax 8-2814 before 5 p.m. An application form may also be found in this issue of the Torrance Press.

Contest judging will take place between tomorrow and Thursday, conducted by the Torrance Junior Chamber. Awards will be presented Thursday evening.

## Judge Inducted Into Office

Formal oath of office will be given tomorrow afternoon to newly appointed Superior Court Judge John A. Shidler of Torrance. Oath will be administered by Louis H. Burke, presiding judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court at 1 p.m. in Dept. 1 of the County Court House.

Enrolement will be by Superior Judge Edward T. Bishop.

After his formal acceptance to the bench Shidler will be assigned to the Southwest District of the Superior Court in Inglewood.

## Tickets Now on Sale for Area's First Round Robin Tourney, Dec. 23

Tickets for the Friday, Dec. 23, Round Robin Basketball Tourney between Torrance's four high school teams are now available at the schools, according to sponsoring officials.

Funds from the tourney will go toward supporting Torrance's entry in the Jan. 2 Rose Parade. Bishop Montgomery, North, South, and Torrance High Schools are cooperating with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to put on the affair.

Tickets will be 75 cents for students and \$1 for adults. Early purchase of the tickets was urged since the South High gym, scene of the match, has a seating capacity of 2000.

The games will have two eight-minute quarters with each team playing each of the other three quintets. Awards will be made to the outstanding player from each team after the tourney is over.

## Await Coroner's Report On Body Of Dead Infant

Torrance police yesterday reported that the coroner's statement concerning the body of an infant found Thursday in a storm drain has not been released.

Bundled in a plastic dry-cleaning bag, the body of the baby was found by workmen cleaning debris from the drain at Victor St. near Del Amo Blvd.

Investigating officers said that the body appeared to be that of an eight-month-old boy and was found lying in a pool of muddy water.

**\$100,000 CONTRACT**  
Air Overhaul, Inc., 22597 So. Western Ave., has been awarded Air Force contracts in excess of \$100,000 for the repair and modification of C-47 and C-54 aircraft components.

## OPENED LAST NIGHT

## 'Candy Cane Lane,' Annual Project of Toucan St. Residents, City Showplace

Residents of Toucan St. in Torrance again this year will make their street, the showplace of the city.

Each year homeowners along the street get out and decorate trees and bushes, with traditional Christmas ornaments. Entrance to the short street is flanked by two huge canes and the balance of the street is lined with candy-striped canes.

**CANDY CANE LANE**  
Appropriately enough, the street is called Candy Cane Lane and it opened to a huge crowd last night.

There are animated displays on front lawns as well as scores of figures and nativity scenes. The majority of the homes have been done over to show a wintry touch with simulated snow covering both the

lawns and the roofs. Santa Claus will appear each evening on the street, starting last night, and will give candy and favors to youngsters. Santa will appear each evening between 6:30 and 8 p.m.

**RESIDENTS CHIP IN**  
Candy and favors given by Santa will be provided by homeowners along the street. Residents have formed a committee and all chip in to take care of the cost.

This project of the residents of Toucan St. has received widespread recognition in both newspapers and magazines. A spontaneous development of local homeowners, the project is annually visited by visitors from all parts of the county.

Candy Cane Lane is easily found. It is just off Hawthorne Blvd. between 190th St. and Del Amo. Visitors are welcome.

### HOLDUP STATION

Two teenaged youths attempted to holdup the manager of a Torrance service station Saturday morning but were frightened off before they could take anything of value.

Witnesses said that the youths, armed with knives, ran from the scene after taking only the keys to the station, located at the corner of 228th and Sepulveda. The two, who were between 16 and 20 years old, made escape in a black 1955 or '56 Ford sedan.

## Education Board Meeting Monday

Torrance Board of Education will hold their second December meeting Tuesday evening in the school administration building, 2335 Plaza del Amo.

Regular session will open at 8 p.m., preceded by a committee meeting which will open at 7:30 p.m.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

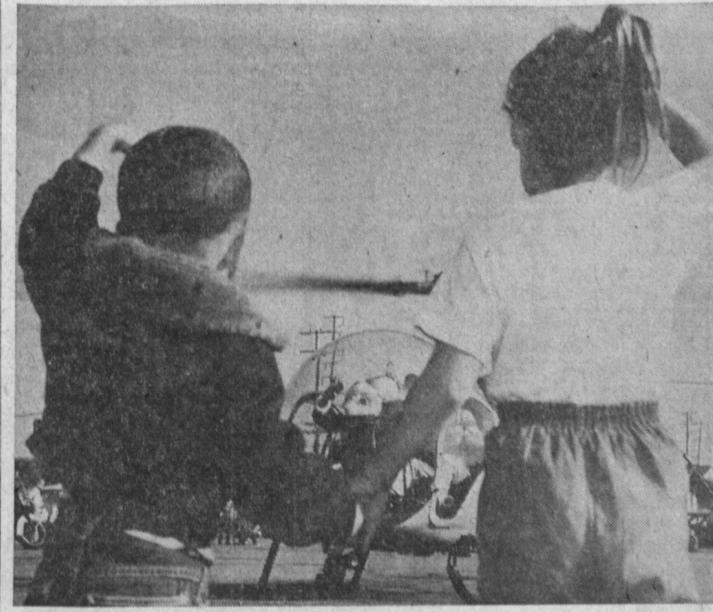
Harbor area volunteers tallied \$99,974 or 84 percent of goal at the final Los Angeles area Community Chest report meeting held Friday at the Biltmore hotel.

Jim Becker, chairman, urged volunteers to complete their clean-up assignments as soon as possible. Area residents missed during the campaign can still give by mailing a contribution to Community Chest headquarters 1427 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro.



**HEAVYWEIGHT WINNER**—North School's wrestling class played host Thursday to more than 400 of the top novice wrestlers of Harbor area schools. Meet, which went on for more than eight hours, was called for the purpose of dis-

covering the best of the novice wrestlers in each of the area's schools. Above, Sibley of North High, and Conrad, of Mira Costa High, battle it out in the finals to determine the top wrestler in the 215 pound category. Conrad came out on top.



**WELCOMING COMMITTEE**—Young residents of Torrance turned out en masse Saturday morning and afternoon to welcome Santa Claus to the city. Flying in his personal helicopter, the good saint toured the city making

eleven scheduled stops at shopping centers to distribute favors and candy to the gathered children. Here Marilyn Bowdon, 5, and brother Scott, 4, wave 'hello' to Santa's descending 'copter.

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